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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Rlease amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17 and substitute therefor the following claims:

T8) An electrode adapted for attachment to an adherend comprising:

- an electrode support having a first and a second opposed (a) surface,
 - a conductor supported by the electrode support, and (b)
- (c) a conductive adhesive layer comprising a hydrophilic phase and a hydrophobic phase that is disposed upon a major portion of the first, opposed surface of the electrode support and the conductor,

wherein at least a portion of the conductive adhesive layer is hot-pressed to enhance the adhesion strength of the portion to an adherend.

An electrode according to claim 18, wherein the conductor is either in the form of a layer of conductive material disposed upon at least a portion of the first, opposed surface of the electrode support, or, the conductor is in the form a conductive stud that passes through a portion of the first, opposed surface of the electrode support and completely through the electrode support to project below the second, opposed surface of the electrode support.

